(c) whether it is a fact that the Apex court has settled the law that prior sanction is not required for such cases for prosecution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) In pursuance of order dated the 5th December, 1996 of High Court of Sikkim in Writ Petition No. 43 of 1996 regarding irregularities in the recruitment process of forest guards, the Sikkim Police investigated, the involvement of officers of the Forest Department, Sikkim in the matter. After completion of investigation, the Sikkim Police on 7th April 2000 sought sanction of the Government of Sikkim under Section 197 of Criminal Procedure Code for filing of chargesheet against the then Principal Chief Conservator-cum-Secretary and one Lower Division Clerk of Forest Department, Government of Sikkim.

(c) In the Criminal Appeal No. 1118 of 2000 in the matter of Shri P.K. Pradhan *versus* The State of Sikkim, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgement dated 24th July 2001 observed, *inter alia*, that for invoking protection under Section 197 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the acts of the accused complained of must be such that the same cannot be separated from the discharge of official duty, but if there was no reasonable connection between them and the performance of those duties and the official status furnishes only the occasion or opportunity for the acts, then no sanction for prosecution under Section 197 of Criminal Procedure Code would be required.

Paucity of Central Forces

†*415. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is paucity of Central Forces to prevent terrorism from across the border and to contain the incidents of terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to increase the strength of Central Forces; and

(d) if so, to what extent and by when the recruitment will be made?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) have been deployed in J&K, North Eastern States and naxalite affected States to tackle terrorist violence. The requirement of CPMFs for the purpose of counter insurgency and maintenance of Internal security is periodically assessed and the neccessary action taken to sanction new raisings wherever required.

Increase in crimes in Delhi and NCR

†*416. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number in all types of crimes has increased in Delhi and NCR in the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have failed in controlling said crimes and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete measure being taken to check crime in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The total number of crimes recorded in the National Capital Region, including NCT of Delhi, during the period from January to June, 2004 was 41,890 and the number of crimes recorded during the corresponding period of 2005 was 44,600 which shows an increase of 6.47% in the overall incidence of crime the NCR during the current year. The main reasons for increase in crimes include heterogeneous character and growth of population; urbanization, colonization, industrialization leading to migration of population from neighbouring States, unemployment, economic disparity, decreasing social and family bonds, etc.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police has taken a number of steps to check crime in Delhi which include improvement in the beat system of patrolling; identification of Police Stations with high rate of crime and provision of additional manpower and motorcycle patrols to such Police Stations;

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